



2013 National Show Newsletter



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How is all the work going? We have already received the first entry forms – add yours to the list. Remember we need the forms in by **31st August**. You don't have to have actually finished working on your entries by then! But we do need to know entry numbers in each class so we can get layout planning. We can cope with the occasional addition or subtraction on set-up day.

Trips

Taranaki is not noted for its oversupply of fossicking areas – too much oil and gas instead! However we can organise a couple if the interest is there.

- 1) Ohawe/Waihi Beach South Taranaki for fossils – mostly recent -oysters, scallops, cockles and the like. The cliffs they erode out of are only accessible each side of low tide and low tide is about 4pm during the Show. The cliffs are also subject to sudden collapse under the right conditions. These areas are about 60min drive south of New Plymouth.
- 2) Taranaki is a main centre for andesite carving and we can organise a drive to see examples of such carving and take you to a site where the best rocks for carving can be found.

We can also suggest some other activities you might like to do for yourself:

- 1) Travel up one of the roads that go into Egmont National Park – North Egmont (30min) for an overview of the local volcanology in the visitors centre. Stratford (45min) general view of the volcano – (could be tricky if the Ski season is still going) and Dawson Falls (60min) where you can see the falls, and the way streams erode down a volcano – try Wilkies Pools walk.
- 2) Visit Boars Head Mine – (30min + walk) at the end of Upper Weld Rd, (turn off L from Highway 45 going south from NP round coast) – This is in the Kaitake Ranges within Egmont National Park and the track is DOC signposted from the end of the road. This is the area prospected for gold in the 19th century. The initial short part of the track is reasonably steep.
- 3) Walk along Corbett Rd beach (10 min from NP) and look at the volcanic breccia in the cliffs – augite, hornblende, olivine and feldspar can be seen there. Best towards low tide.

There will be information about these activities at the Show. There may be more possibilities' Please let us know if you are interested in either of the possible Field Trips. We will organise them if there is enough interest. They are also a bit weather dependent.

Trophies

In light of the debate requested on this topic by the National Association, TLMC would like to let everyone know that all the usual trophies will be competed for at this year's Show, but instead of the actual trophies being awarded, there will be a certificate presented. The outcome of this debate will set the future re these trophies.

General

We have had lots of trader interest and planning is well underway for the Show. Please do your bit and considered entering. Could clubs preparing a Club cabinet be sure to send in an entry form for it – it makes the counting job easier! An entry form is attached to this N/L either electronically or hard copy. Feel free to copy it as desired



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